

The Swedish Spy

SWEDEN is traditionally a neutral country, even in the cold war.

So it comes as a shock that one of our air force officers has served as a spy for Communist Russia for the past 16 years—a third of that time while stationed in Washington as a military attache.

Col. Stig Wennerstrom has confessed his role—even admitting he had handed over secret data on Sweden and NATO countries including, of course, the United States.

This Swede for many years a social figure here in Washington Embassy circles, and his official status indisputably offered him considerable protection cover. But it is a fact much discredit on our own spy-catching apparatus that he went unnoticed in our midst. Certainly there will be some raised eyebrows at the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, the Swedes themselves are reportedly wrathful. We hope they throw the book at the colonel who betrayed his country and ours.